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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed August 28, 2006 in the captioned application. A response is due February 28, 2007 by virtue of the attached petition for extension of time and payment of the requisite fees. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 50-3840. Please amend the application as set forth below.